

RULES FOR APRIL AND JUNE TOURNAMENTS IN GREAT BEND

General: We will follow NBC baseball rules for each age division. Two pool play games will lead into a single elimination tournament unless otherwise specified due to registrations and/or weather. All age divisions will be separate unless registration dictates otherwise. If 13 and 14's are combined, they will play by 14U rules.

Umpires: Each game will have two umpires. 8U will use 1

These are NBC points tournaments. Teams do NOT need to be NBC registered to participate in tournaments. However, each team MUST carry liability insurance. We are not responsible for accidents.

Each team must provide 2 balls per game. They will be returned at completion of game.

Time Limits: 9U-12U play six inning games with a 1.5 hour time limit and no new innings after 1 hour 25 min. 13U-14U play seven inning games with a 1.75 hour time limit and no new innings after 1 hour 40 min. Time limits will be used in all games but the championship game in bracket play. Ties will count in pool play only. Umpires will limit warm up pitches and time between innings. Umpires will announce last inning and will be the last inning even if 1 minute remains on the time.

Team Composition: A team is limited to 17 players and 3 coaches. Only rostered coaches and players are allowed in the dugout and game. Rosters must be submitted prior to beginning of tournament.

Dugouts: Only coaches and players are allowed in dugouts for insurance purposes.

Substitution: It is recommended that all players be allowed to bat with free substitution. Coaches should discuss this issue before the game begins. If an agreement cannot be reached, NBC rules apply (EH allowed but no DH).

Pitching Limits:

6 inning games: No more than 6 innings in two consecutive games.

7 inning games: no more than 7 innings in two consecutive games. One pitch counts as a complete inning.

Malicious Contact - If in the umpires judgment, a runner may not make malicious contact with a fielder, whether the fielder is in or out of the base path, or whether he has or doesn't have the ball.

- **PENALTY:** Interference, the ball is dead, the runner is out, and other runners return to the base occupied at the time of the interference. If in the umpire's judgment, the interference prevented a double play, the umpire will award the second out.

Cleats: Metal cleats are NOT allowed for 12U divisions. Failure to comply will result in removal from the game. Metal cleats are not allowed on the portable mounds. Pitchers must wear tennis shoes or rubber cleats.

Run Rule: A Tournament game will be terminated if one team is ahead and have had equal times at bat or the home-team is leading for age divisions **9u - 19u** when its: 20 runs/2 innings, 15runs/3innings, 10runs/4 innings, 8 runs/5 innings

8, 9 and 10U Divisions will have a 5 run per inning maximum with continuous runs counting. 8U will follow NBC rules.

Tournament Style: Each tournament will include 2 pool play games into a single elimination tournament unless numbers and/or weather dictate otherwise. Straight pool play may be use. Team and individual prizes are awarded for 1st and 2nd place.

Tie Breaker: Ties in pool play will be settled by 1. head to head (if more than two teams have the same record, skip to runs allowed), 2. runs allowed, 3. run differential (max. 10 per game), 4. coin flip. Starts over each round.

Score Keepers: The home team is responsible for the official book. The visiting team is responsible for providing a score keeper if necessary. Home team is determined by coin flip before the game

Inclement Weather: Should scheduling changes or cancellation become necessary due to weather, information will first be posted on this blog. Then, contacts provided on team rosters via phone starting with the most distant teams.

This is off the NBC Website for other rules.

TOURNAMENT SPECIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

- **PLAYING FIELD** - Baseball playing field need not have an enclosed fence surrounding the outfield playing area. The baselines for age 8 Under shall be 60 feet and the pitching distance shall be 43 feet. Age 9 and 10 & Under the baselines shall be 65 feet and the pitching distance shall be 46 feet. Age 11 and 12 & Under the baselines shall be 70 feet and the pitching distance shall be 50 feet. Age 13 & Under the baselines shall be 80 feet and the pitching distance shall be 54 feet. Age 14,15,16,17, 18 and 19 & Under the baselines shall be 90 feet and the pitching distance shall be 60 feet, six inches (60' 6").
- **PLAYERS' BENCHES** — Refer to Official Baseball Rule 1.08 with the following exception: Kansas NBC Hap Dumont Youth Baseball suggests but doesn't require that players benches be enclosed and roofed.
- **THE BALL** — Refer to Official Baseball Rule 1.09.
- **BATS** — These are approved for use in Kansas NBC "Hap" Dumont Youth Baseball. The bat for ages 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14 & Under shall not be more then two and three-fourths inches in diameter at the thickest part. For ages 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19 & Under the bat shall not be more then two and five-eighths inches in diameter at the thickest part, with the unit differential, namely the difference between bat length measured in inches and bat weight measured in ounces, being no more then minus three. Also, for ages 15 - 19, all bats must have the BBCOR stamp on them. For all ages, the bat handle not more then 18 inches from the end, may be covered or treated with any material to improve the grip. No such material shall improve the reaction or distance factor of the bat.
- **PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR** — **Shall be worn at bat and while a base runner during practice and all games. Such headgear must cover the top of the head and have extended ear flaps which cover both ears and properly fit the player wearing it. Penalty: If a player refuses to wear headgear, he shall be removed from the game.etc**
- **PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR, CUP AND SUPPORTER** — **This equipment must be worn by the catcher during practice and all games. The protective headgear must cover the top of the head and properly fit the catcher. PENALTY: If the catcher refuses to wear this equipment, he shall be removed from the game.**

- **CATCHER’S MASK AND THROAT PROTECTOR** — Any player warming up a pitcher at home plate shall wear a mask and it is recommended that any player warming up a pitcher at any other location shall wear a mask. The Throat Protector is considered part of the catcher’s mask. **Penalty:** If a player refuses to comply, he shall be removed from the game.
- **STEEL CLEATS** — Shall not be allowed for the 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 & Under in NBC “Hap” Dumont Youth Baseball. **Penalty:** If a player refuses to comply, he shall be removed from the game.
- **UMPIRE REQUIREMENTS** — Refer to Official Baseball Rule 3.01 with the following exception: Section (d) — The umpire shall be assured by the home club that an adequate supply of regulation balls are immediately available for use if required.
- **OFFICIAL BASEBALL RULE 8.01** — The pitcher shall take signs from the catcher while standing on the rubber. Note: This applies to age 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19 & Under only. **PENALTY:** After a warning by the umpire, the pitcher on the next offense, shall be removed from the mound as a pitcher for the remainder of the game.
- **EXTRA HITTER (EH)** - This rule is optional for 9u - 19u. A team must declare its intent to use this rule before the game starts. A team may bat ten (10) players, but may not revert to a nine (9) player line-up except for injury, illness or ejection, and only then if no substitutes are available. A manager may play any nine (9) of the ten (10) players, listed in the official line-up, on defense at any time.
- **DESIGNATED HITTER (DH)** - This rule is optional for *15u - 19u aged teams only*. A team must declare its intent to use this rule before the game starts. A team may bat nine (9) players, with one player batting only for one player in the defensive lineup. The DH rule can **not** be used in conjunction with the EH rule
- **RE-ENTRY** — Any of the starting players may withdraw from the game and re-enter once, provided such player occupies the same batting position, when he is in the lineup. This includes pitchers and they can return and pitch. The pitcher is also governed by the provisions of Official Baseball Rule 3.05. A substitute who is withdrawn may not reenter.
 - **NOTE:** If a player re-enters illegally as a pitcher, fielder or runner there is no penalty except that he must be removed from the game immediately when discovered. If he re-enters illegally as a batter, such illegal re-entry is penalized according to Official Baseball Rule 6.07, batting out of order. **NOTE:** If injury or illness occurs and all eligible substitutes have been used, a previously used substitute player may re-enter.
- **MALICIOUS CONTACT** ---If in the umpires judgment, a runner may not make malicious contact with a fielder, whether the fielder is in or out of the base path, or whether he has or doesn't have the ball.
 - **PENALTY:** Interference, the ball is dead, the runner is out, and other runners return to the base occupied at the time of the interference. If in the umpire's judgment, the interference prevented a double play, the umpire will award the second out.
- **COURTESY RUNNER** — A courtesy runner may be used for the pitcher or catcher, but not the same courtesy runner for both in the same inning. The courtesy runner must be a player not presently in the lineup. If no players, not presently in the lineup are available, the courtesy runner shall be the player making the last recorded out
- **PROTESTING GAMES** — No protest shall ever be permitted on judgment decisions by the umpire.